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Adam Raphael in Washington reports
on a conflict among US scientists

Racialism and the IQ gap

Dr Joshua Lederberg, a Nobel Prizewinning geneticist, said: "To bring this up right now when some degree of racial harmony is what we've got to develop to keep this country together—I think is very vicious.

"There are different thresholds for making speculations and you don't go around telling somebody he's about to die unless you have a fairly high degree of certainty. I think we're dealing with a social climate that is just as loaded as that."

Dr Lederberg says: "Jensen feeds Shockley and Shockley feeds the racists—people who are impatient about making a significant investment to improve the condition of blacks and who would welcome any excuse to be off loaded with it."

*I am responding to
these excerpts.*